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QUESTION NO. 52,

lestion for Ministers to Answer

It God is more powerful than tan, and if the earth is the Lord's d the fullness thereof. Why es God Allow the wicked to desoy his people, and take the rth and the fullness thereof away om His people, and leave them or, and then claim the poor as is people? Now if I was rich in is World's goods would it be st in me to take my goods away om my tamily and give them to y enemies, and leave my family ith nothing and then say I love y family?

Explain this and I will come _S. G. Merritt.

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of enter into the kingdom of heaven anconverted devil.

rior of their way. If they had repentd then they were converted for Peter aid repent ye therefore and be convertd that your sine may be blotted out. This shows that when ones sins are lotted out, that he is conver ed, eter was a d'sciple for Christ said. Go see Matt 10ch, 1-3 vs, and the dieiplus were called sheep then said Jesus uto them, all ye shall be offended be suse of me this night for it is written. I Frill amite the shepherd and the sheep lof the flock shall be scattered abroad. 'milatt, 26-31. Zech 13-7. Now the heep are Gods people, I am the gotd hepherd and know my sheep and am Fanown of mine, St. John 10-14, I Heed not to approve that God's people Tare converted, I demand the proof that t Shrist has ever give or ever will give Caternal life to a goat or an unconverted nan but Christ gives eternal life to the Re been: My sheep hear my voice and I n cnow them and they follow me.

ver to Could an enconverted man follow ith i Granist three years er at all unless Christ ras unconverted impossible unthinkable Paul said: they and I give unto them eternal life. Has n; Van inconverted man got eternal life? ote Irpive proof or back down. Did not salhrist say he that hath the son bath life and he that hath not the son of God rath not life, 1 John 5-12. Will close ed Lor this time. More to follow,

W. J. G. Tunnell Plato Mo.

CREATION and FORMATION

Or The Jew And The Gentile.

ACCEPT LIGHT AND REFUSE DARKNESS.

ANSWER TO QUESTION Asked

The Revelator's First Beast,

Continued from last week.

to avenge their wrongs upon their crncified Loui. true, wilt thou not pity thy at- beast was received only when they tions of obeying his commands, Saviour Jesus Christ.

leasting on would become a death in deceitfulnes to find means. stroke to that great power, or nner from error of his way shall save blood of those loved ones was the tians. atry and witchcraft; and which mination, right in the presence of would be a deadly wound upon his highness, cause him to think their tyrannical power of the a- that his hopes of success in that of the Apostles.

Hence, after they saw this there must be other measures adopted, and means used, to deceive, and delude those uprising thousands. that profess the faith of Christ; the faith they tried hard for many long years to destroy by marderours means, which was the means of spreading the gospel of the Lord and Saivor Jesus Christ, as

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good

The one preach Christ of contention not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:" (Philip. 1-15-16.)

Therefore, we feel justified in as-Fervent was the cry from the serting that he is the beast alludhearts of those shelterless people, ed to in the scriptures; and furthwhen their eyes would see by day er state, that as we have followed the smoke of their burning homes, him by his dastardly deads from or lightening the heavens by night the time of his rising out of the with their blazing fires Fervent, sea until he receives his deadly we say was the cry! Not for ven- wound that John spoke of, by the gence, but for mercy: for they were uprising of true lovers of Christ not so taught by their Redsemer all over the land, in behalf of a

enemies; but their prayer was We again repeat our assertion, how long, O! Lord, holy, just and that this deadly wound of the flicted people, and spare them," saw the fruits of their persecution And bring to repentance the ene- spreading over the land like ragmy of Christ; and with such a ing fire, by the professing thouszeal for him who is the giver of all ands of the faith and of the blood good, and with such determina- bought gospel of the Lord and

and with that Holy Spirit in their And the love of God that was bosom as their comforter, many flowing from heart to heart among of them were burried upon the these christians, was more burm to Alpine mountains, from fatigue, this power than was pleasant for carvation, and cold; while there him to endure; and unless there were others who made safe their could be a check placed upon it, retreat to the valleys beyond: So it would soon with its wonderful apostles, so all are not Masons that by the sprinkling of the blood progress, sweep the land of all who have been initiated into the of those martyrs, and the persecu- superstition. And this would de- Order. A knewledge of signs, tion of the christians, by driving prive the papistical church of all words and tokens, without an them from place to place, that its honor, fame, power, and glory; ability to apply them according

now that he which converteth the he dream that the spilling of the they had persecuted the chris-

millions of true christians, that hearts of the christians of the valwould bitterly oppose their idol. leys. And this undaunted deterpostate church. For if they had direction, was in vain; and it also realized this fact, they would nev- taught him that they believed er have sprinkled the very seat there was no one on earth that of this bold power with the blood had the power to forgive sins, but Jesus; and that they intended, that Christ's Word, that had been kept pure and sacred through many years of persecution should not be lost. And there was not only a thousand drops of blood shed for its preservation, but an ocean of it. This word was a lamp to those early christian's feet and a light to their pathway; and they cost of their lives.

> And when the apostate church saw that they, could not delude the children of God by those councils, after the first trial, they must devise some means to deceive them, in order to gain what they

quitting the catholic church and ject. taking up with those christians!

had lost even if it would cost and make a great show of exposing them a sacrifice. And a sacrifice the baneful teachings of the pope; on their part would evidently have and by this grin the confidence of to be given, before they could de- this good people, and then rob ceive them, so they counsel among them of their liberty in Christ, sthemselves; and the conclusion and place them under bondage to they come to was, to choose a man the pope. And this sacrifice on best suited, from their ranks, and their part, was the fulfillment of send him out among the christians, with the pretention of him which brings us up to this sub-

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MASONRY ODDFELLOWSHIP

Continued from last week

NETWORK. Was one of the enrichments with which the chapiters of the two pillars of Solomon's Porch were adorned-From the connection of its meshes, it denoted unity.

NEUTRAL. As all were not of Christ who called themselves Christians in the time of the the glorious cross of the crucified and all former tyrannical means to their proper design, can no One might appear in a new won- that had been used by the beast, to more constitute a Mason, than suppress the faith of Christ, which the possession of working tools For if the apostate church had only been the cause of its won- can make a man a carpenter, ing are the names of the nine would have known that the very derful illumination. They must unless he knows how to use blood of those that they called use some other means, to do the them. There are many erronheretics, whose lives they were work; and satan is never at a loss cous opinions abroad on this point. A person procures initia-Hence, they call a council; And tion, and fancies that is all he Azariah, Joram, Jsch'gi. Achal, Chris, would not promise heaven to would be the cause for the fulfill- the first thing they determined on wants. There never was a more Obed ment of a portion of John's vision doing at this council, was to get fatal mistake. Initiation is but if the disciples had died before the of the beast, that reads thus; "and the heretics to accept the catholic the horn-book of Masonry, and ay of penticost would they have been I saw one of his heads, as it were Bible which had been gotten up is only of the same use towards st? It they were unconverted they wounded to death" he would have by the clergymen of the catholic a knowledge of its principles, as auld have been, for Ja says let him used other means; but little did church, during those years that the alphabet is to those who desire to excel in literary attainment. If this consideration oul from death. James 5-20. But planting of the true soed of faith. In this scheme, the beast was were duly enforced upon every from Jerusalem unto the ends of again met with the same spirit of candidate for Masonry, the the earth, that would send forth resistance, that glowed in the Order would assume a different aspect, and its genuine lustre would be more universally displayed.

NILE. In the time of Euclid the river Nile overflowed so far, that many of the dwellings of the people of Egypt were destroyed. Euclid instructed them in the art of making mighty walls and ditches; to stop the progress of the water; and by geometry measured out the land, and divided it in partitions, so that each man might ascertain his own property.

NIL NISI CLAVIS DEEST. Attached to the intersecting triangle of the original jewel of the expected to still keep it at the Royal Arch, there is frequently the motto of "nil nisi clavis deest," which is a declaration that the wearer of a jewel containing this emblem is desirous of doing his duty, and filling up with justice that link in the chain of creation, wherein the Most Page 598-599-600. High hath pleased to place him.

NINE. Nine being the square of three, is a perfect ternary. beyond which there is no number. It is observed by arithmeticians, says Hume, (Dial. Nat. Rel. p. 167,) "that the products of nine compose always either 9. or some lesser products of 9, if you add together all the characters of which any of the former products is composed. Thus of 18, 27, 36, which are products of 9 you make 9 by adding 1 to 8, 2 to 7, 3to 6. Thus 369 is a product also of nine; and if you add 3, 6. 9. you make 18, a lesser pro duct of nine."

NINE MASTERS. The followmasters who are said to have been elected by Solomon after the death of Hiram Abiff; Moa bon, Jachin & Boaz, Ganigam,

NOACHIDÆL Sons of Noah; the first name of Freemasons whence we may observe that believing the world was framed by one supreme God, and is govern ed by him; and loving and worshipping him; and honouring our parents: and loving our neigh bour as ourselves: and being merciful even to brute beasts, is the oldest of all religions.

NORTH. The operative mason is accustomed to lay the foundation-stone of a new building on the north side, and for this reason, all those who have not been initiated amongst us have their place in the north. The light streams from the east unto the north, as all our knowledge has been obtained from the orient.

NORTH-EAST. The foundation-stone of every magnificent edifice was usually laid in the north-east; which accounts in a rational manner for the general disposition of a newly initiated candidate. When enlightened but uninstructed, he is accounted to be in the most superficial part of masonry.

History and Cyclopedia of Freemasonry, by Macoy Oliver

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